

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
BECKLEY DIVISION**

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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**DONALD L. BLANKENSHIP**

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**Criminal No. 5:14-cr-00244**

**DEFENDANT’S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE UNDER SEAL HIS RENEWED  
MOTION TO DISQUALIFY LAW CLERK AND FOR CLARIFICATION OF RECORD  
REGARDING SCREEN OF LAW CLERK, AND ALSO TO FILE UNDER SEAL  
THE EXHIBITS AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION**

Defendant Donald L. Blankenship, through counsel, hereby moves for leave to file under seal (a) his Renewed Motion to Disqualify Law Clerk and for Clarification of Record Regarding Screen of Law Clerk, as well as (b) the exhibits to the motion and (c) the memorandum in support thereof. All of these documents concern matters addressed in a telephone conference that the Court conducted on January 30, 2015. The Court sealed the transcript of that telephone conference. Further, the Court entered an order on April 9, 2015 permitting the transcript to be released to the parties, but not more broadly. (ECF No. 227). Accordingly, in light of the Court’s orders regarding sealing and regarding limited release of the transcript, Mr. Blankenship’s motion to disqualify, as well as the related exhibits and supporting memorandum, are being offered for filing under seal.

Dated: April 14, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing motion has been electronically filed and service has been made by virtue of such electronic filing this 14th day of April 2015 on:

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